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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 10 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 11 - 13 received by this Authority on 11.11.2004
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1 - 3 as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-16</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-16</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-16</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US4715446 A1

D2: US4690214 A1

D3: EP0553732 A1

The invention relates to a drill hole measuring device and a rock drilling unit. It is intended to measure the straightness and dimensions of downward oriented drill holes and comprises at least one sensor; an elongated transmission element connected to the sensor; at least one transfer device, by which the transmission element can be moved longitudinally in at least one direction for moving the sensor in the drill hole. Further, the invention comprises an elongated protective element with a lower part and an upper part, the lower part of the protective element being designed such that it can be inserted partly into the drill hole and the sensor is arranged to be moved into the protective element by means of the transfer device.

D1 discloses a device and a method for protecting a tool such as a measuring instrument in a well, this instrument being fixed to the end of a drill string. The measuring instrument (1) is protected by a protective casing (4). This reference does not disclose a complete measuring device; rather it shows a measuring device inside a protective casing at the end of a drill string (2). Further, the measuring instrument (1) is not arranged to be moved into the protective casing (4) by means of the drill string (2) (transfer device). Consequently, the claimed invention differs from the cited prior art; it is therefore new.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
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None of the cited documents give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed portable drill hole measuring device or rock drilling unit comprising such a measuring device. Thus, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-16 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step.

The invention is industrially applicable.

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CLAIMS

1. A portable drill hole measuring device comprising:
a frame (2);
at least one sensor (6);
an elongated transmission element (5) connected to the sensor (6);
at least one transfer device (4), by which the transmission element (5) can be moved longitudinally in at least one direction for moving the sensor (6) in the drill hole (12), **characterized** in that
the measuring device (1) includes an elongated protective element (3) and comprising a lower part and an upper part,
that the lower part of the protective element (3) is designed such that it can be inserted partly into the drill hole (12), and
that the sensor (6) is arranged to be moved into the protective element (3) by means of the transfer device (4).
2. A measuring device as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that at a first end of the protective element (3) there is a conical portion (13), which can be inserted into the drill hole (12) at least partly.
3. A measuring device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that at the first end of the protective element (3) there is at least one support piece (10), which is arranged to hold the protective element (3) in a desired position.
4. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the protective element (3) is designed at least for its first end portion such that the protective element (3) can be inserted at least partly into the drill hole (12).
5. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the protective element is a tubular piece.
6. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in
that the transmission element (5) is a flexible, elongated piece, and
that the transfer device (4) comprises a reel (8), around which the transmission element (5) can be wound.
7. A measuring device as claimed in claim 6, **characterized** in that the reel (8) is provided with a handle (15) for rotating the reel (8) manually.

8. A measuring device as claimed in claim 6, **characterized** in that the transfer device (4) comprises a motor (7) for rotating the reel (8).

9. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the measuring device (1) comprises at least one actuator (21) for pushing the protective element (3) partly into the drill hole (12).

10. A measuring device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, **characterized** in

that the transmission element (5) is a flexible, elongated piece,

that the measuring device (1) comprises a container (40), which is arranged stationary with respect to the frame of the measuring device (1), for storing the transmission element (5),

that the transfer device (4) comprises at least one roll, which is arranged to move the transmission element (5) in the longitudinal direction by friction, and

that the transmission element (5) is arranged to settle within the space delimited by the inner surface (43) of the container (40).

11. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in

that the transmission element (5) is a flexible, elongated piece,

that the measuring device (1) comprises a container (40), which is arranged stationary with respect to the frame of the measuring device (1), for storing the transmission element (5),

that the transfer device (4) comprises at least one roll, which is arranged to move the transmission element (5) in the longitudinal direction by friction,

that the transfer device (4) is arranged rotatably about the longitudinal axis (48) of the protective element (3), and

that the transmission element (5) is arranged to settle within the space delimited by the inner surface (43) of the container (40).

12. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the measuring device (1) is arranged in a rock drilling unit (16).

13. A measuring device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the measuring device (1) is arranged in a charging unit (50).

14. A rock drilling unit comprising:
at least one feeding beam (20);
at least one rock drilling apparatus (18), which is movable with respect to the feeding beam (20); and

at least one measuring device (1) for measuring drill holes (12), the measuring device (1) comprising: a frame (2); at least one sensor (6) that may be arranged in a drill hole (12); an elongated transmission element (5) connected to the sensor (6); and at least one transfer device (4), by which the transmission element (5) may be moved longitudinally for moving the sensor (6) in the drill hole (12),

characterized in that

the measuring device (1) includes an elongated protective element (3), into which the sensor (6) is arranged to be moved by means of the transfer device (4).

15. A rock drilling unit as claimed in claim 14, **characterized** in

that the first end portion of the feeding beam (20) comprises a first holder (21) for mounting the measuring device (1), and

that the second end portion of the feeding beam (20) comprises a second holder (23) for mounting at least the sensor of the measuring device (1),

that the measuring device (1) is mountable on the first holder (21) for measuring the drill hole (12) by means of the sensor (6), and

that at least the sensor of the measuring device is mountable on the second holder (23) for positioning and aligning the drilling unit (16) by means of the sensor (6).

16. A rock drilling unit as claimed in claim 14 or 15, **characterized** in

that the rock drilling unit (16) comprises at least one actuator (21) for moving the protective element (3) of the measuring device (1) longitudinally,

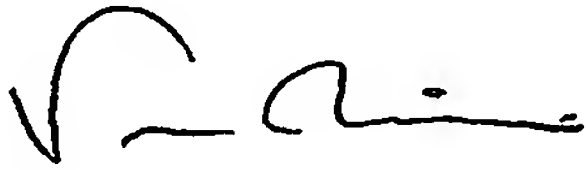
that the protective element (3) can be inserted into the drill hole (12), and

that the sensor (6) can be inserted inside the protective element (3) into the drill hole (12).

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| VIII-4-1-1 | Prior applications: | 20030553, FI, 11 April 2003 (11.04.2003) |

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